12-30 P.M.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA.—Are you free to have your own policy in regard to the distribution of food-grains ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—To the limited extent to which we are allowed under the Essential Supplies Act.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ —ಹಾಗಾದರೆ ಈ ವರ್ಷವೂ ಅಂದರೆ 1953–54ಕ್ಕೂ ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಈ ಇರಾಖೆಯನ್ನು maintain ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ಧವೀರಪ್ಪ.—ಕಡಮೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದು 1953—54ನೆಯ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬಡ್ಜೆಟ್ ನೋಡಿದರೇ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ತಾವು 32 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಡಿ–ಕಂಚೊರ್ ಆದ ಮೇಲೆಯೂ ಇಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡುವುದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿದೆಯೇ!

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We will examine it and it is the policy of the Government to reduce it to the irreducible minimum.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ.—ಇಲ್ಲಿ food subsidy 15 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ rural parts ಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ, ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

(ಉತ್ತರವಿಲ್ಲ)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Next question No. 11.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Before that, I would like to make a statement. Day before yesterday I made a small mis-statement that the General Manager is a man from the I.A.S. He is not so. I should like to be corrected.

Latest Agreement between the Kolar Gold Mining Company and the Mysore Government.

Q.—11. Sri R. K. PRASAD (Bangarpet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the latest agreement was effected between the K.G.F. Gold Mining Company and the State of Mysore;

(*b*) whether all the clauses have come into force;

(*c*) the clauses that have not been given effect to and the reason for the same;

(*d*) the amount of income to the Government by way of gold duty and other sources to the State before the latest agreement was executed (year-war details for five years to be furnished) ;

(*e*) the present income from the Gold Mining Company after the present agreement was effected (year-war details to be furnished) ?

A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education) [on behalf of SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) 20th February 1949.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) All the clauses have been given effect to, but whether they have been implemented to the degree expected is under examination.

(*d*) and (*e*) Statements appended below :—

Statement showing production of Gold, sale proceeds realised and total revenue to Government from the Gold Mining Companies since 1944.

Particulars	*Sterling Companies*					*Rupee Companies*					
	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949			1950–51	1951	1952 & 1953
						Gold duty period up to 5/6th May 1949	*Net surplus period since 6th May 1949*	*Total*	*15 months*	*9 months*	*Provisional*
Net duty	111.83	75.47	75.71	116.45	133.15	36.63	..	36.63	..	..	..
Royalty	11.50	10.57	9.31	12.59	13.56	..	..	90.90	35.77	24.87	28.86
Additional Royalty	0.89	1.47	0.93	1.18	1.43	..	..	3.65	6.44	3.66	..
Contribution (5/6th May 1949) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.10	11.10	20.57	13.95	2.64
Income-tax (Mysore)	12.25	4.69	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Revenue to the Government of Mysore.	136.47	92.20	85.95	130.22	148.14	..	..	72.28	62.78	42.48	31.50
Income-tax included in the Revenue gap (worked out on the basis of Rs. 65 lakhs per annum).	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.80	57.80	81.25	48.75	65.00
Total—Revenue ..	136.47	92.20	85.95	130.22	148.14	..	..	130.08	144.03	91.23	96.50

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—From the answer given to (c), am I to infer that the present agreement is working unsatisfactorily ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That inference is not warranted.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—How is it that the Mining Company has not paid income-tax for the year 1946, 1947 and 1948 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I think under the Gold Duty Agreement, they were exempt from income-tax and that it was substituted by the Gold Duty Act.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—But you say that the agreement came into force from February 1949 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Revised agreement.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Is there no reference in the agreement that a non-official Director should be appointed by the Government for managing the affairs of the Mining Companies ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—How is it that the Government have not appointed the Director for the last four years ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is under the consideration of Government.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—How long will the Government consider the matter ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It will be expedited and necessary action taken as early as possible.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Have the Government investigated as to any particular reason why the income to Government has gone down by more than Rs. 50 lakhs immediately after the present agreement came into force ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes ; so far as we have investigated, it is due to a steep fall in the price of gold.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Am I correct if I say that one of the reasons is, because we have not got our Director, the income has gone down ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Have the Government audited the mining accounts ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Is there not a clause in the agreement saying that, to audit the mining accounts, duly qualified staff should be appointed by the Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I want notice.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—I have got a copy of the agreement. On page 2—clause (3) they say that a local auditor may be appointed to investigate the accounts of the mining companies.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I shall get the information.

Sri R. K. PRASAD.—Is it not a fact that when this question was put, our Government machinery had to approach the mining authorities for the figures they have furnished ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, if we have got to get figures, we have to approach.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is there not a Mysore Government Audit Office auditing the accounts of the mining companies for the past two years ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I shall be able to give the answer shortly.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the total amount of money allowed as rebate for 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947 and 1948 ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I will get figures.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not running to several lakhs of rupees ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Very likely.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not for ensuring the longevity of the mines that gold duty was abolished ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes, that was one of the intentions.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Towards fulfilling that intention, is there a provision in the agreement requiring the Mining Company to work a particular percentage of low-grade ore?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Am I correct if I say that there is no authority till now to check and see whether the mining companies have strictly adhered to that agreement?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—In so far as they have been able to check up, there is not much default on the part of the Company.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it because of the agreement, the mining companies only shortened the life of Ooregaum mines but also the lives of the Champion Reef and Mysore Mines?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As I have already said, that inference is not warranted.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is there a term in the agreement requiring the mining companies to curtail the cost of production to the irreducible minimum?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Yes.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that they have not only not curtailed the cost of production but they are spending huge sums on top heavy administration since the conclusion of the agreement?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is under examination.

Supply of electricity to the villages of Magadi Taluk.

Q.—610. Sri S. SIDDAPPA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the names of villages in Magadi Taluk from which representations have been received requesting for the supply of electricity for irrigation and lighting purposes;

(*b*) when they would undertake the survey work in order to supply electricity to those villages; or the date on which they have already taken up the said work;

(*c*) whether any estimates have already been prepared in this connection; if so, when; if not, when they would do it?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries) [On behalf of SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) *Electrification* (lighting purposes)—

(i) Solur, Gudemaranahalli, Gangeswarapura Pemmanahalli, Motaganahalli, Shiraganahalli, Harti, Balagumba.

(ii) Buskur, Thippasandra, Narasandra, Sankighatta, Naralkere.

(iii) Madabala and Chakrabhavi.

(iv) Kudur, Hulikal and Kannur.

(v) Guttipura.

(vi) Kondahalli.

(vii) Nayakanapalya, Nagamangala, Thyagadarapalya and Kalyanavoderamata.

(viii) Thaggikuppa, Dubkottige and Naranapura.

Power Supply to Irrigation Pumping Sets—

Baichapur, Chendurayanapalli, Magadi Kasaba.

(*b*) *Electrification*—

(i) Survey completed and estimates prepared for all villages under items (*a*) (i) to (vi) both inclusive during the years 1950 and 1951.

(ii) Survey work in progress for all villages under item (*a*) (vii).

(iii) No action can be taken for surveying Thaggikuppa, Dubkottige and Naranapura, till the scheme of electrifying Solur, Gudemaranahalli, etc., under item (*a*) (i) is sanctioned and completed.

Estimates under preparation for seven Irrigation Pumping Sets in Bagalahalli and two Irrigation Pumping Sets in Magadi Town proper.